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July 9, 1952

Capt. J. L. Bird
Director, U. S. Naval Fadiological
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San Francisco 24, California

Dear Capt. Bird:

The State Department of Public Health is undertaking a study to evaluate the potential public health hazards associated with the increasing use of radioactive materials in California. It is our desire to understand fully the magnitude of the hazards which we may expect in the future and to recommend to the Legislature at as early a date as possible the necessary safeguards for adequate protection of the public health. We feel it essential in making our investigation to be guided by the many well-qualified organizations working with radioactive materials in California. It is for this reason that I am writing to you as Director of the U. S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory, asking for assistance in the form of counsel and guidance through your well-qualified staff.

Mr. Arve H. Dahl, Sanitary Ingineer, is serving as the staff coordinator for purposes of this study. With your approval, he will make arrangements for further conferences with you and your staff relative to the problems associated with the investigation. It would be appreciated if you would advise us of the appropriate channels to follow in working with your organization.

Wilton L. Halverson, M.D. Director of Public Health

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